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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: THE CURRENT SITUATION: VIEW FROM THE LEFT

1. DEPUTY ALBERT MANSOUR, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, TOLD EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING ON JULY 6.
2. THE COMMAND COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT HAD UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED THAT:

--NATIONAL MOVEMENT MILITIA SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT FIGHTING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND SYRIANS IN THE EAST BEIRUT AREA. (MANSOUR COMMENTED THAT MOVEMENT MILITIA HAD, NEVERTHELESS, GONE INTO A HIGHER STATE OF ALERT THAN USUAL, BUT ONLY AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.)

--NATIONAL MOVEMENT MILITIA WERE NOT TO ENGAGE IN KIDNAPPING OF CHRISTIANS OR OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN WEST
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BEIRUT. (MANSOUR COMMENTED THAT HE REALIZED SOME OF THE MILITIA MEMBERS WOULD NOT OBEY THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE A MAJOR DETERIORATION IN THE SECURITY SITUATION IN WEST BEIRUT. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME KIDNAPPINGS AND OTHER CRIMES COMMITTED BY ARMED GROUPS BUT MAINTAINED THAT SAIQA, THE PFLP/GC AND OTHER PRO-SYRIAN GROUPS

WERE THE PRIMARY CULPRITS.)

3. MANSOUR ALSO SAID THAT THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT SARKIS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC AND WOULD LEAD TO IMMEDIATE CHAOS. MANSOUR NOTED THAT HE HELD THIS VIEW DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE BELIEVED THAT SARKIS HAD BEEN A POOR AND INDECISIVE PRESIDENT AND THAT THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB WAS RAYMOND EDDE. THERE WAS, NEVERTHELESS NO REASONABLY SAFE WAY OF ASSURING A TRANSFER OF POWER AT THIS TIME, MANSOUR THOUGHT. PARKER

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